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The bulk carrier cargo ship D.M. One has been renamed the Hailey Glasrud Reef and will be deployed on the sea floor of the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday in 187 feet of water about 9 miles northeast of the St. Lucie Inlet as the area's newest artificial reef.

Cargo ship headed to bottom of ocean

■ 224-foot vessel being sunk to add to reef habitat

Staff reports

Davy Jones' locker is about to receive another "hotel for fish."

At noon Wednesday, the 224-foot-long bulk carrier cargo ship formerly known as the D.M. One left its dockage in Miami.

With its new name emblazoned in white, block letters on its bow — Hailey Glasrud Reef — tugboats slowly pulled the ship away from the bulkhead.

It was on its way to making a 120-mile, 18-hour journey from Miami to what will be its new home at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean 8.9 miles north-northeast of the St. Lucie Inlet.

Kerry Dillon, of Sea Rover Services in Stuart, said the ship, which has 80 feet of relief, had to clear six draw bridges in the Intracoastal Waterway in Miami before passing through Government Cut, where McCulley Marine Services of Fort Pierce's tug boat Elizabeth Ann will take it under tow.

Dillon said Boo McCulley estimated the ship will be in tow at 5 or 6 knots and likely would arrive offshore of Martin County at about 5 or 6 a.m. Thursday.

The anticipated sinking will take place at 10 a.m., if all goes according to plan, Dillon said.

The coordinates for the sinking are 27 degrees 12.563 minutes north latitude and 80 degrees 00.254 minutes west longitude in 187 feet of water, said John Burke, president of the MCAC Reef Fund, the non-profit fundraising organization that assists Martin County's Artificial Reef program in acquiring and deploying artificial reef materials.

Thursday's reef will become the fourth vessel sunken by the MCAC Reef Fund in its 11 years to go along with thousands of tons of concrete bridge rubble and other structures such as steel towers. For more on the program, go to www.mcacreefs.org.

For more on Martin County Artificial Reefs, go to <http://martinreefs.com/index.html>.